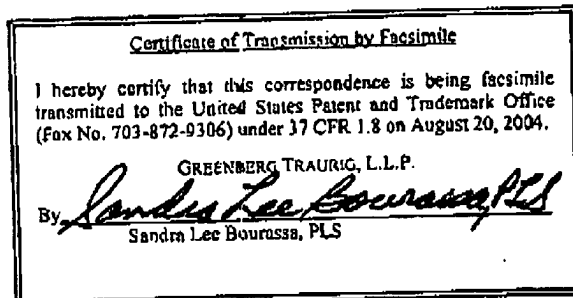


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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) mailed August 11, 2004, please submit the enclosed corrected "Amendments to the Claims" section.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.